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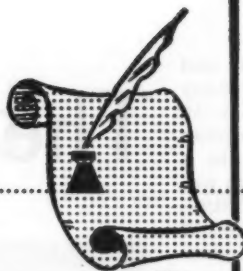


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Portrait of a Florida Church

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Wash Day



for Spirits

The

Editor's Message

2 Cor. 7:1, "... let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

IT IS DRUMMED into youthful minds that cleanliness is next to godliness. This is as it should be, for it is. One of the reasons for the continued existence of a strong Hebraic race is the stringent laws of sanitation they observe. God, in giving these laws, was very intolerant of filth in any form or in any place. A man could be destroyed for breaching one of these demands. And fearful they were lest they touch any unclean thing, fail to observe the proper days of purification, or neglect the performance of their personal ablutions, and incur the chastisement of God. The Lord demands cleanliness. (Especially note Gen. 35:2; Exod. 19:10; Lev. 7:19, 20; 11; 15). Cleanliness is next to godliness.

SPIRITUAL HYGIENE

Perhaps it is due to an overwhelming zeal to denounce physical squalor that the second part of the text is neglected. Schools stress the acquirement of hygienic habits, which will develop brawny bodies; the Church must stimulate *spiritual* hygiene, which will produce robust Christians. Remember that the Scripture continues beyond "the flesh" to include "and spirit." Let it here be emphasized that God DEMANDS of YOU a spirit that is clean and holy. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your HEARTS, ye double minded," James 4:8. "The ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; BUT THE LORD WEIGHETH THE SPIRITS," Proverbs 16:2. Scrub and scour; preen and prim—clean up! be immaculate!—but remember the spirit must be immaculate too.

OFFENSIVE DISPOSITIONS

Numberless people are allowing trivial, yet offensive, airs to nullify an otherwise precious Christian experience. Remember that the influence of years of goodness can be dissipated by one burning, fleeting display of an ugly spirit. A thoughtless moment can blight all the past and future for you. If your spirit is not clean it will drag itself across the stage of your life some day—to your detriment and Satan's constant advantage. People don't forgive and forget

your pouting, selfish, overbearing, stubborn, arrogant, jealous or otherwise repugnant spirit as easily as you think! Cleanse your spirit! Don't try to smother it with temporary sweetness; cast it from you! Pray about it. By the all-power of Jesus' blood it can be REMOVED, not merely hidden.

DESTRUCTIVE SPIRITS

When you step into the pulpit you may take on the stature of a king—but if you proved self-willed and stubborn at some previous time it will sound like so much clanging brass, howsoever great the sermon. Rich sermons do not justify cheap spirits. You may be stubborn, you may have your way and get just what you want—if it is not the respect of your fellow man that you want.

You may pout and sulk when something is not in exact accord with YOUR desires. You don't have to speak; you may even stay home on several service nights; you can let the people know that "I don't like it!" But please do NOT expect your friends to forget your attitude as soon as you are ready to be friendly again. Don't expect them to forget one sullen, undertone frown just because you are smiling benignly again. Your mood may never be mentioned, but it is not disregarded.

It may be your honest opinion that you are just a little better than your brother—but remember that it is YOUR opinion, not his. You may be so haughty that the little man will be ill-at-ease in your presence—but remember that he will not always be in your presence. You may cow him into submission to YOUR desires—but remember that every big man must have the continued favor of the little man. If it does not matter that you be esteemed by him, then YOU are the little man yourself. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall," Proverbs 16:18.

One of the most destructive spirits extant is that of jealousy. It is a small (how pitifully little!) man that is pleased about the failures of his brother. Does his failure bring you satisfaction? Not if you have love, 1 Cor. 13:6. When you are jealous of a person you admit that he is greater than you are—and that is true! A good preacher can sincerely enjoy the

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The hour had arrived. Many had prayed long for it. It was Sunday afternoon, January 13, 1957. A. M. Phillips, Overseer of the Churches of God in Florida, drove into a city of 25,000 population. There was no Church of God in this city—Winter Haven, Florida. Brother Phillips was coming to a pre-announced service to be held in a local club building secured for this very service. After speaking in this service, he gave the opportunity for those who desired to be charter members of the Winter Haven Church of God to present themselves. Five came forward. He then officially set in order the Winter Haven Church of God.

Early in February Rev. Wayne Taylor, who had been evangelizing in Florida for two years and who had in November, 1955, conducted a revival in Winter Haven, was appointed pastor of this new church. He arrived in Winter Haven on February 23, 1957, to assume the pastorate of this church. On Sunday afternoon, February 24, 1957, 28 persons gathered in a home to have the first regular service of the church. As yet we had no place to worship except the homes of our members. Others began immediately to transfer to this new church. Soon we had 26 members to worship and work for God and His cause.

We secured a state tent so that we could have room for the public to attend our services. The homes where we were worshipping could not, of course, accommodate many more than we were now having, but a city ordinance here prohibits tents being erected. To find a suit-

The church faces south. On the west side of the church, to your left, facing the church, is our spacious parking lot. We also have diagonal off-the-street parking across the entire front of our church property.

Beyond the far end of this parking lot, where you see the citrus trees, is the lot where we plan to build a parsonage later.

The Winter Haven



This picture shows our Sunday School on the first anniversary of our Sunday School and all regular services. We had 104 in attendance this day with a record offering of \$110.11. Standing in front of the church steps is the pastor, Rev. Wayne Taylor.



Church of God

By Wayne Taylor, Pastor

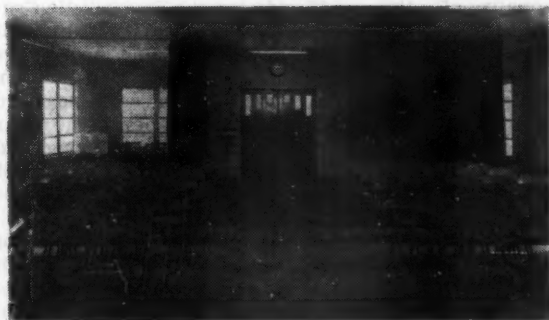
able place to erect the tent, we would have had to go so far from the city that this seemed impractical. The Lord helped us, though, and we were able to secure the woman's club building at a very reasonable rate. This building, located right in town, was adequate both for our worship services and our Sunday School. There was plenty of room for our Sunday School classes. The only disadvantage was that we could have the building only on Sundays. Thus we still had to take our midweek services elsewhere or not have them at all. This we did not feel we could afford to do, especially since young people made up a good part of our Sunday School and other services as well. We felt that we had to have Y.P.E., so we had our Sunday services in this rented building and our midweek services at the homes of our members. Naturally during this time we were hardly able to do much advertising except by word of mouth. The lady who was president of the woman's club was very considerate and twice

extended to us the privilege of renting the building beyond the time that it had been promised to us. This was another evidence to us that God was working the arrangements out for His children!

During this time we were looking for property upon which to build our church. We were looking for property that we could afford to buy, and that would meet the needs, both now and for the future, of this already growing church. Needless to say, property of this kind was very limited. As we look back, however, we doubt that we could have done better if there had been many more locations from which to choose. We found a piece of property that seemed to be exactly what we needed. The property was large enough—214 feet frontage by 163 depth. The location was desirable—near the heart of town, five blocks from the city hall. The location is also accessible, being just one block off Sixth Street, which is one of the main streets through the city and is also U.S. Highway 17. The property

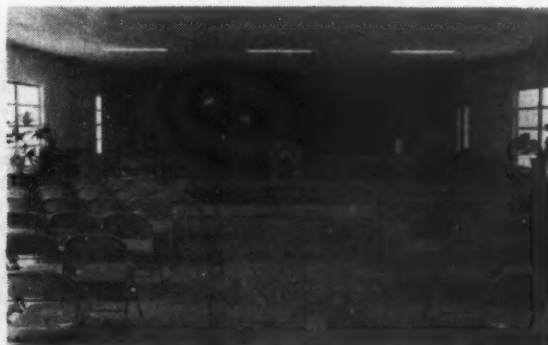
seemed to be especially advantageous for a church since it is bound on three sides by paved streets. This makes it, in reality, a short block.

Still, there were questions to be answered. Could the property be bought? And if so, could it be bought at a price and terms that we could afford? We inquired and found that this desirable property could be bought, and at a price and terms that we could afford. It seemed to us that a new church starting out to do business for God ought to have the best of locations, so \$10,000 seemed to be a reasonable price. Many were surprised that it could be bought, and especially for church property. The down payment was agreed upon, and we set about to raise it. Could 26 members support a pastor, pay rent on a building in which to have services, and at the same time raise a down payment on this property we desired so much to have for God and His church? This is exactly what the Winter Haven Church of God did. In April, 1957,



This shows the auditorium seats looking from the pulpit. When all the seating space is utilized, this building will seat 200.

To the left a curtain is opened to show you a classroom. It is pulled, as on the right, during the Sunday School hour and then reopened for the regular services.



This shows the auditorium looking from the door. Behind the curtains, you see, is the church kitchen, church office and pastor's study, and a dining area, which is also used for a Sunday School class.

we purchased the property. It was a great day in Zion!

With the problems of our property purchase settled, we set about to tackle an even greater one—that of building God a house. Since it was to be His house, would He not help us? Of course He would, and upon that we relied many times before we were in the opening service in the first unit of the Winter Haven Church of God.

The church received much invaluable counsel from our good State Overseer. After much prayer and counselling, the church decided that the best plan would be to build a building that would serve as an auditorium and could be used for a small auditorium and an educational building later. We would place this building almost in the center of our property. This would leave us, on one side, 70 feet frontage by 145 feet depth for a main auditorium to be built at a later date. (The main auditorium will be positioned parallel to the small auditorium.) This would also leave us room on the other side for a spacious parking lot. To comply with the city's requirements, we secured a local architect to draw the plans for our first unit of our building program.

On May 8, 1957, we poured the foundation for a 32' by 80' building, with a 26' by 30' wing. The state board was a great help to us at this particular time, in that they gave us a liberal donation to help us get started on our building, for which we are deeply grateful. The church will always remember our State Overseer, Brother A. M. Phillips, for his help to us. The many ways that he helped us are too numerous to mention at this time.

We were two months and nineteen days building our church. With a small membership we were naturally limited in voluntary labor. With skilled laborers we were even more limited. However, the men of the church did all they could do in order to save as much as was possible. We did contract various phases of our building. This assured first class workmanship, which we feel that we do have in our building, and helped us to get in our church sooner.

Our building is of masonry construction. The walls are plastered with buff coloring in the plaster. The roof, of white chipped marble, has a 20 year bond on it. Covering the concrete floor is asphalt tile, which has a tan background with terazzo design. This is in harmony with our walls. The rest room floors are terazzo. Fluorescent lights are placed flush with the acoustic tile ceiling. We have 18 four light Miami Awning type windows placed double in our 32' by 64' auditorium. The window sills are ceramic tile, and vestibule floor is tile. The church is heated with gas heaters. We are, at present, using metal chairs for seating.

We have a 16' by 20' kitchen to the rear of our auditorium. This kitchen is completely equipped, even with a deep freeze. Nothing has been spared to make this the kitchen our ladies need to raise money for God and His cause. The L.W.W.B. has certainly used this kitchen; in one year they have raised over \$5,000. Also to the rear of the auditorium is the pastor's study and church office, which is 12' by 16', appropriately equipped.

The 26' by 30' wing, which is connected to our present building, houses our rest rooms, ladies' lounge, and drinking fountain. The walk around the entire wing is under roof. These facilities will accommodate both the present building and the main auditorium when it is built.

We have, diagonally off the street, parking facilities across the entire front of the church property. At the side of the church we have a 45' by 145' parking lot. Across the back of the property is a black-topped drive which can be used for parking when needed.

Since buying the original piece of property we have purchased a lovely lot which joins our property. This lot is 70' by 110', and we plan to erect a parsonage there in the future.

Our entire church property and building is valued at \$40,000. We feel, in the light of all circumstances, that our indebtedness is not too great. Our Sunday School and L.W.W.B. are taking care of the payments.

God was in our midst while we

were building even as He is now. His presence accomplished different things then, but He was just as real then, as now. Naturally, we were not able to see as many blessed at our altars as we do now. In one year our membership has grown from 5 to 50. Our Sunday School weekly attendance has averaged 65; the Y.P.E. weekly attendance average is 40. The weekly offerings in our Sunday School have averaged more than \$20.00; Y.P.E. offerings, \$8.00. These statistics include the five months we did not have a church building to worship in. We are now having more in attendance and more in offerings than these figures we have just given.

We dedicated the Church to God on Sunday, September 1, 1957. Rev. A. M. Phillips preached the dedicatory message. At this service we had more than 100 in attendance; our offering, more than \$400.00, paid for our metal chairs.

Our record Sunday School attendance is 113 and our record offering is \$110.11. Our record Y.P.E. attendance is 82. The record in tithes for a month is \$560.85. The church has averaged more than \$375.00 in tithes per month for the year.

Less than two months after going into our new building we had a treat that few churches at our young age, or perhaps of any age, have had. The entire General Executive Committee were in the State of Florida for our Evangelistic Crusade, and they, along with our State Overseer, came to Winter Haven and saw our new church. The General Overseer suggested that prayer be made at the altar for this local church. Having had prayer, they all signed our guest book. These are cherished memories, and we are thankful.

I am thankful for the Church of God. To have a State Overseer such as we have to work with is a privilege for which we are grateful. To be able to be the pastor of such a wonderful group of people which love God, His Church, and their fellow man is a pleasure for which I shall always thank God. God be praised for all that has been accomplished for Him in one short year!



Rev. D. G. Homner

When the Spanish explorer Coronado came to what is now known as the State of New Mexico, it was in quest for gold. Having heard the fantastic reports of seven cities of gold, the cities of Cibola, from an earlier explorer by the name of Marcos de Niza, who visited the Southwest in 1539, Coronado and his men searched vainly for these cities of gold but only to find Indian pueblos filled with hostile Indians. Finally Coronado, broken in health, was forced by his captains to return to Old Mexico.

While the early Spanish explorers searched the land primarily for gold, other explorers began coming to this Land of Enchantment in the twentieth century, not seeking for the seven golden cities of Cibola but rather for the lost golden nuggets of humanity which were among the villages, towns and cities of New Mexico. Among these new explorers were those of the Church of God who came with the message that man one day could reside in a city for all eternity which was not only made of gold but of every rare and precious gem known to man. Soon these Church of God explorers gathered enough of these golden nuggets, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to organize churches in many sections of the state. Many of these churches are still functioning today.

At present New Mexico has seventeen organized churches with a total membership of 659. We have a new work going in Farmington and expect to organize it into a church before this article comes out in the *Evangel*. Since the last General Assembly we have had a gain in church membership and tithes, plus gains in other departments of

New Mexico Report

By D. G. Homner

Overseer

our work. However, we are not satisfied with the few gains which we have made.

Many property improvements have been made on churches and parsonages within the last two years. I cannot mention them all, but would like to inform our readers that our church in Carlsbad has added a new educational plant to their church valued at \$10,000.

One of the greatest achievements during the last two years has been the construction of a beautiful new church edifice in the great All American City of Albuquerque. This has been a great need for many years and now it is a dream come true. The church is located at 2633 Dakota, N.E., just one block off

Menaul Boulevard, Albuquerque's main boulevard, in a lovely residential section of this growing and thriving city.

The future of the Church of God in New Mexico looks bright and the next two years should be even greater for the growth of the Church of God.

In closing this short article, I would like to pay tribute to all my ministers and lay members of the State of New Mexico, for without their cooperation our work could not go on.

If any of my readers should have a special burden to work in the State of New Mexico, I am sure that we shall be able to find a place for you.



Albuquerque, New Mexico



reports

Sunday School Records Broken

WEST MONROE, La.—A contest was held during the month of April in the Churches of God in the State of Louisiana. We at the Church of God, 809 Montgomery Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, don't know how we finished in the state contest but are proud to report that we broke our Sunday School records two consecutive Sundays. Our previous record was 159. On April 20, we sponsored "Pack a Pew" Sunday and set a new record attendance of 164. First place winner, Mack Wheat, who brought 33 persons, was awarded a nice set of dishes. Mrs. G. W. Reynolds, who brought 32 persons, was also awarded a set of dishes. Mrs. Luther Williams, who brought 24 persons, was awarded a large picture of Jesus.

On April 27, we broke our record with a total attendance of 203. Otto Parker, owner of a local jewelry store in Monroe, Louisiana, awarded a \$42.50 Bulova watch as a first prize to Mrs. Moodie Bickham, who brought 39 persons. The runner-up for this Sunday was Mrs. G. W. Reynolds, who brought 37 persons.

The superintendent for this quarter is W. G. Covington, with Rev. Arnold Thornton as assistant. Rev. J. P. Nolan is the proud pastor. We are very pleased with our Sunday School and our church.

—Reporter

Home-coming at Fitzgerald

FITZGERALD, Ga.—The Church of God in Fitzgerald held its annual home-coming May 4. It was a great privilege to welcome former pastors, Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Ridgeway and Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Waits and their families back on home-coming day. Brother Ridgeway is now pastoring at Buford, Georgia, and Brother Waits is in Douglas, Georgia.

Rev. Raleigh Jenkins, pastor of the Augusta Church of God, brought the morning message entitled "Moving Forward," taking his text from Exodus 14:1-15. The mighty Spirit of God was felt in

this service. The Sunday School broke the old record of 370 with 377 present. We thank God for this accomplishment.

Lunch was served at the church and everyone enjoyed meeting with old friends again. The evening service consisted of choir and special singing. The Lord also met with us in this service. Brother Jenkins and the Broxton Brothers of Augusta, the Tifton Church of God trio and the Barber trio of Irwin County were among the special singers. It was a great pleasure to hear the Immanuel trio sing again. This trio was made up of Naomi Ridgeway, Yvonne Black and Carolyn Jenkins. All of these girls are living in other towns now.

Rev. D. T. Toler, present pastor, preached at the regular Sunday night service on "The Things of the World" from 1 John 2:15, 16.

We can truthfully say that this was a happy day for many at the Church of God in Fitzgerald. There were visitors from all parts of Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

The Y.P.E. members would like to report that they have completed two projects since January: they have laid concrete walks from the side doors of the church around to the front and have planted shrubbery to beautify the church yards. Pray for us that we will continue to move forward for Christ and His cause. —L. A. Yarbrough, reporter

Tenth Convention of the Church of God U.S.A. Latin American Department, May 1-4, 1958

The 10th Convention of the Church of God U.S.A. Latin American Department west of the Mississippi was solemnly opened by the superintendent, Vessie D. Hargrave, with a prayer. He then recognized the different delegations from the local churches and the out-of-town visitors.

With the band, drums, electric guitar, piano and tamborines playing and the very able direction of Brother J. D. Morgan, we immediately got into the spirit of the convention. After some special songs

the program was turned over to Brother Hargrave and from him to the night speaker, Brother Alejandro Portugal, Jr., from Mexico City. His very challenging and inspiring message had such urgency that it brought a realization that there is much to be done for the cause of the Lord. We felt the need to put forth even greater effort for Him, and we yielded once again to the Lord to reconsecrate our lives to Him. There were 3 persons saved.

Early in the morning the second day of the convention, the brethren were gathered in the church for a special fasting and prayer service. Another service was held at mid-morning with Brother Jesse Valero, who has recently organized our newest church in Bremond, Texas, as speaker. He gave a very encouraging report of the progress of the work in Bremond, where they have a lot and church building which is almost paid for.

The L.W.W.B. service that evening was a very special service. All the women wore their uniforms of white and blue and the different L.W.W.B. presidents for all the local churches gave their reports. The ladies told us of the work in their respective churches and of what had been accomplished during the year. The report brought in by the Calles Street L.W.W.B. president was especially commendable. This group of sisters have done a wonderful job. They have taken the responsibility for the church debt and have reduced it considerably. The L.W.W.B. program was climaxed with a special song composed by Brother Leopoldo Dominguez which has become the theme song for the L. W. W. B. It was sung for the first time that night.

The following night was youth night and again the different church delegations were dressed in their official uniform. From the very beginning of the service the Spirit of God was present and we rejoiced in singing and praising God for His many blessings. After special songs, some numbers by the band and an organ solo, the youth director gave some youth camp information and announcements. He then introduced the night speaker, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer, whose sermon was translated into Spanish by Brother V. D. Hargrave. The two really make a combination. As fast as Brother Paulk preached, Brother Hargrave followed him almost verbatim in Spanish. The service was a great blessing to all of us and especially to those of us who spoke both languages because we received a double portion of blessing. Three more persons were saved.

All the churches had group Sunday School at the Rivas Street Church. Eleven classes were held with over 200 persons attending.

After the Sunday School, Brother Paulk preached on "The Zeal of Thy House Has Eaten Me Up!" He insisted that if we have anything else before God in our lives, we have made that thing our god. He closed with a special invitation for us to examine our lives and see that God has first place in our lives.

Promptly at 2:15 p.m. the double lines leading to the entrance of the building were ready to file in and continue the spiritual feast and the dedication of the new building. After a scripture and ribbon cutting ceremony the people marched in and the building was filled to capacity with the English church visiting us en masse and several groups from other churches.

After an English devotional lead by Rev. T. R. Morse, Brother and Sister Morse sang a special number with their son, Tommy, accompanying them at the piano. Afterward, we had a short devotional in Spanish.

Brother L. Dominguez gave a resumé of all our publications—past, present, and future—with special emphasis on the beginnings of the various publications. Also, he mentioned books, hymnals, periodicals, and tracts and our perspective for the future.

Brother Paulk's sermon on "The Dedication of the Temple," was very appropriate especially since the Sunday School lesson was on that same theme and we were to dedicate our new building. For the mission offering the different churches brought in their gallon jars with pennies. The total missions offering for this year was \$237.49. Brother Hargrave then gave the financial report for all the 17 churches in the territory. He mentioned that 12 years ago we did not have a single church for the Spanish-speaking people in the United States, but that we now own property exceeding \$87,900.00.

After he prayed the dedicatory prayer for the new building and thanked God for all His blessings, we all united in prayer and praise. He then closed the convention for the year 1958 with admonitions for continuing the work for God.

—Mary Godines
Convention reporter

Church Making Outstanding Progress

KOKOMO, Ind.—In December, 1957, a revival started at the church in Kokomo. It has been going continuously through April, 1958, even though we haven't been in service every night. Every time there is a service, God comes down in a marvelous way. Since December, there have been 60 saved, 35 sanc-

tified, 32 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the church.

God has blessed every department of our church. Our Sunday School attendance has risen from an average of about 60 to an average of well over 100. Also, the attendance in Y.P.E. has risen from about 35 to an average of 80. Prior to this time, we had between 8 and 10 teen-agers in the church; now there are 25 or 30 young people. God has also blessed us in a financial way. Immediately, the tithes increased. God also made it possible for us to remodel the inside of our church, lower the ceiling in the church, and build new Sunday School rooms. These projects have been paid for in full. In addition, our new parsonage is practically ready for the pastor to move into. By the time it is finished, we will have it all paid for also. Our Y.P.E. has also purchased a beautiful new piano for the church and have pledged to meet the payments.

In addition to the local work, our church is sponsoring, under the supervision of our pastor (who is also district overseer), a branch Sunday School and mission church at Marion, Indiana. At the present we are in the midst of a wonderful revival there. We solicit the prayers of the *Evangel* readers for this effort. Brother C. E. Swenson, our pastor, and Sister Jewell Pratt, the evangelist, are very enthusiastic about the work.

We give God all the praise for everything that has been accomplished. Nothing could ever be done without His approval and help.

—Doris Bolinger, reporter

Church Begins Building Program

WASHINGTON, N. C.—We have been here about 16 months and appreciate our people, but it took our Sunday School lessons in the past month on building the temple and the walls in Jerusalem to cause our people to see the vision of building the new church. This past month our Y.P.E. raised \$1,500.26 for the building fund. We want to bring it up to \$5,000 in this coming month. Then we plan to start the building which will cost about \$50,000. It will be one of the nicest churches in this country; the blueprint of the building came from a nice building in Norfolk, Virginia. The

building will be 35 x 70 feet, with 12 Sunday School rooms, small auditorium, nice lobby with nursery and ladies' lounge, pastor's study, and main auditorium, which will be built for the best amplification of modern type. Do pray for us in this building program.

—Carl Cox, pastor

Breaking Records at Brooklyn, Md.

BROOKLYN, Md.—God is richly blessing the Church of God here in Brooklyn, Md. During a revival with Brother D. R. Moreland, we had a good number to find God at the altars and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the revival there were 5 adult members added to the church.

Also, during the "I challenge you" contest here in Maryland, we broke our record attendance twice—once with 256 in attendance and again two weeks later with 306 in Sunday School. The Brooklyn Y.P.E. has for 6 months averaged better than 100 in service, and we feel that there are greater things ahead for this ambitious group of God-loving people. Thirty-three have been added to the church here.

—M. G. Summers, pastor

For the Sunday School Worker

WHEN THEY ARE THREE



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The Church of God General Assembly will convene August 19-23 at the Ellis Memorial Auditorium in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Ordained Minister Council begins at 9:00 a.m. August 19. The Assembly adjourns at 10:00 p.m. August 23.



revivals

Y.P.E. Strengthened by Revival

KEY WEST, Fla.—Six were saved and 6 sanctified in the simultaneous revival at the Key West, Florida, Church of God. Sister M. Mercer was the evangelist. Our Y.P.E. is much stronger as a result of this revival. The pastor is J. W. Fletcher Phillips. —Reporter

Forty-four Saved in West Hillsboro Revival

WEST HILLSBORO, N. C.—We have closed the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God in West Hillsboro, North Carolina. Night after night the power of God would sweep through the church and people would fill the altars and pray through to old-time victory.

Forty-four were saved, 30 sanctified, 20 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 42 added to the Church. We are expecting more yet to come out of the revival. The people that work in the mills here are praising God and telling what He has done for them.

One lady, Mrs. Riddle, came to the altar, got saved and was healed of deafness. West Hillsboro is stirred by the power of God, and the Church of God is progressing in every department.

We have broken the Sunday School record 6 times in the last few months; the last time with 236 present.

The Rev. Caleb Nixon of Yadkinville, North Carolina, was the evangelist. He is a humble man of God, and he worked hard for the revival. The Lord used him in a great way, for which we are all thankful. Pray for us that we will ever be in the will of the Lord.

—W. S. Williamson, pastor

Pastor Conducts Revival in Kenova

KENOVA, W. Va.—We have just ended a two-week revival. God met with us each night in a wonderful way and gloriously blessed. Our pastor, E. E. Winters, Jr., rendered

the evangelistic messages. Being a truly dedicated man of God, he is a very able pastor and leader.

Recently there have been 16 converted, 18 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost and 17 added to the Church.

Under our pastor's leadership in past months much has been accomplished by and for the church. We have installed new seats and redecorated the church, which shows a wonderful improvement. Thank God for a church which keeps a revival spirit.

—Ova E. Kern, reporter

Many Souls Saved

DAISY, Tenn.—The Falling Water Church of God has just closed a three-week revival. Many souls were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. Six were baptized in water and 8 added to the Church. The church was aroused to the great need for more prayer. Our evangelist was Brother and Sister E. B. Harvey and a prayer band. Sister Harvey preached many heart-searching messages on sin and the need for consecration.

We are stirred in our hearts to do more for the Lord in our church. Our Sunday School has also had a steady increase this spring. We desire your prayers for God to lead us in our work at Falling Water.

—Oscar Holloway, pastor

Forty-two Saved, Many Healed

SPARTA, Tenn.—We have had one of the greatest revivals in several years at the Black Oak Church of God. The revival went 4 weeks. God was in the service every night. Many nights there wasn't any preaching; the Holy Ghost took charge.

The Rev. R. B. Caldwell, with his wife, from Dunlap, Tennessee, was the evangelist. He is truly a man of God. There were 42 saved, 8 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water and 14 added to the church. God wonderfully blessed. Many people were healed. I was healed of a stomach trouble. I could hardly eat at all. Sometime I would eat a few bites

and be filled up, but, praise the Lord, that all left me and I now can eat almost anything.

The Rev. Charles Green is the pastor at the Black Oak Church. The Rev. Green is an old-time Holy Ghost-filled preacher. God is still blessing. We have painted our church, varnished our floors, and several little things since Brother Green has been here. We thank God for sending Brother Green our way.

We are averaging about 120 in Sunday School now, and we praise God for that. The church was revived and is on fire for God again. Praise the Lord! I thank God for adding me to His Church and also my buddy, Brother Lonnie Hawkins. We both have been out of the church for about 8 years or more, but thank God He led us in.

Any church would be blessed to have the Rev. R. B. Caldwell for a revival. Always pray for our church that it will stay on fire for God. Black Oak is the oldest church on the Sparta district, and we thank God for Black Oak.

The revival is over but the revival spirit is still here. People are still getting saved and healed. One lady who was seeking the Holy Ghost when the revival closed received the Holy Ghost the next week. On Saturday night before the revival closed on Sunday, there were 23 or 25 in the altar. Brother Caldwell is a wonderful singer and a great preacher.

Pray for our church and pray for me. I feel God needs me somewhere.

—Odell Rice, reporter

Good Revival at Big Stone Gap

BIG STONE GAP, Va. — We had a good revival at Big Stone Gap Church of God in April with Brother Haskel Underwood as the evangelist. He is a good preacher, singer and worker. He will help your church, and is ready to go anywhere. Fourteen were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost and several were healed. Two fine people took fellowship with the church. Pray for us here.

—Sam Jones pastor

Wonderful Revival in Selma, California

SELMA, Calif.—We have just closed a wonderful revival with 2 of our West Coast Bible College preachers, Rev. Rollin Scroggin and Rev. Ronnie Meads. Eighteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the Church. They were a blessing to our church the 11 nights they were with us. We are looking forward to having them again.

—H. B. Glenn, pastor



testimonies

God Watches Over Us

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—I should like to praise the Lord for His saving and keeping power. He has been so good to our family, watching over us and keeping us from harm and danger; we can never praise Him enough for it.

I should like to praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He has healed our bodies so many times. I want to give God all the glory for it. *Evangel* readers, please pray much for me that I will be a blessing to some soul and win souls for my Saviour.

—Mrs. W. L. Palmer

Faith Rewarded

NICHOLLS, Ga.—I wish to express my thanks to God for healing my body when everything seemed to point to cancer. For the past 6 or 7 years I was in pain, and my mind was troubled about my condition. I was impressed by the Holy Ghost to leave it to God who had been my healer since I was saved 9 years ago. Every time I would try to settle my mind and go to a doctor it would seem as if I was denying the stripes of my blessed Jesus. God rewarded my faith and in obedience to His voice and His Word, He healed me. Glory to God forever!

I enjoy the *Evangel* very much. Keep the fine work up. God bless your efforts for Him who blesses us all.

Pray for me and my family, also for our church and pastor, H. D. Wheels, who is sick.

—Mrs. L. D. Stevens

Happy Now With Burden Gone

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise for my dear Saviour. I praise God for saving my soul 10 years ago and for delivering me out of the hands of Satan. I was so tangled up in sin I didn't know which way to go. The devil would make me think there was no forgiveness for me,

but praise God, one night God showed me I could be free again. He was ready to forgive me when I got willing to turn my back on sin. The devil would try to make me think I had sinned against the Holy Ghost. When the Lord forgave me and lifted that burden of sin from my heart, it was the happiest time I have ever seen. I could not sleep at night, it seemed that I knew I was going to die. I didn't feel worthy to call on the Lord. I could see hell staring me in the face, and I was so miserable I couldn't get along with anyone.

I walked the floor at night and thought I was sick. I was the worst sin-sick person I have ever seen. I took different kinds of medicine to make me rest, but there was no rest for me. I thought I would never be happy again. I told people I would never be happy again; I was just living for my family. Praise His wonderful name! When He saved my soul, that burden of sin moved from my heart. I had never been so happy. I have been satisfied since.

It is so pitiful the way Satan will lie to people; he lied to me and he will lie to you. You that are unsaved, don't listen to Satan because he was a liar from the beginning. Give your hearts to God. Time is running out and Jesus is coming soon. You can see the signs on every hand, and He said when you see all these things coming to pass to look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. Above all things in this world I do want to be ready to go when He comes. I don't want to be left here. There are so many lukewarm church members that are going to be left to go through tribulations. I feel the need of God's people banding together to seek God for more power and more strength than ever before. In a war all branches of the armed forces band together and are strong. Saints of God, there is a war on for the Christians. We had better band together in love and fellowship so that we can be strong enough to overcome the evil forces of hell. I do earnestly ask the saints who read this to pray for me. It seems my cross gets so heavy sometimes that I can't bear it. Pray

for my unsaved family and loved ones. I have a very special unspoken request.

—Sister Lula Belle Bryant

God Delivers Four Persons From Drowning

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I have felt for some time that I should write a testimony of how God delivered my husband, my daughter, a girl friend of my daughter, and me from drowning. It was a great miracle of God. While my husband and I sat in the car near the water, our daughter and her friend were playing in the water. Not knowing someone had been dredging in the lake there, our daughter stepped off in the deep water. She did not know how to swim; even though the other girl could swim very little she went after her. God caused me to look up as they were plunging and struggling in the water. Neither of us could swim, and we were fully dressed. He reached them first and, thinking they were just in too deep and he could reach them, as he was taller, he went in after them. When I saw him plunge in also, I knew they were falling into something deep. I reached a pole to my daughter as she came up again, and she took hold of it. I pulled her slowly toward me, being careful not to jerk it from her hand. When she was almost to me, I felt myself going down also. Whether I kept walking or the ground crumbled under me I do not know.

My husband was under all this time; he gave the other girl a shove, and God directed it all toward the shore. My daughter saw me when I came up and reached her hand to me. She was pulling me out as my husband was getting nearer to me. I thought when he reached me he would drown us both as I had heard of this happening. When he felt my arm he took hold and did not struggle. It seemed an unseen hand directed him to take hold of my arm, and we both came out together. God delivered all four of us from a horrible drowning, and we give Him all the praise. We were in the ministry then and are still in the ministry. I feel God spared us for His glory. God be praised for sparing our lives. Pray for the girl friend that she will realize God's mercy and be saved.

—N. Pauline Lambert

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WASH DAY FOR SPIRITS

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preaching of other men. A good singer can enjoy the singing of others. A good teacher can be taught by another teacher. Don't try to pull a better man down to your level; lift your self to his level, which is the faster, safer, and more Christlike procedure.

THIS IS WASH DAY

There are some that never indulge in worldly pleasures and never break the teachings of their church. They have lived in the Church so long that it is natural for them to abstain from these lusts of the flesh. Still, this abstinence is not a guarantee that you are in the high esteem of God and man. A filthy, foul spirit is as bad (yea or worse) than any sin of the flesh and is far more injurious to the Church. A vexatious spirit is one of the most obnoxious sins in the Babylonian category.

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls," Proverbs 25:28. It is easier to erase an ugly spirit itself than it is to erase its terrible consequence. Just one flare-up of anger; one unchivalrous deed; one overbearing demand can destroy more than can ever be regained. The people remember too well. Yes, you may be very talented ("Oh, she sings all right, but . . .") "He is a good preacher, but . . .") and able to do great things. However, you will find that sweet disposition is more desired than sweet singing. You will find that friendliness and concern are more desired than your eloquent preaching.

It is necessary to keep a clean body, but perfect holiness is in clean bodies AND clean spirits. "Whose (wives) adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of THE HEART, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT, which is in the sight of God of great price," 1 Peter 3:3,4. From *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers: "I have to cleanse myself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit until BOTH are in accord with the nature of God. Is the mind of my spirit in perfect agreement with the life of the Son of God in me . . . ? I have the responsibility of keeping my spirit in agreement with His Spirit, and by degrees Jesus lifts me up to where He lived—in perfect consecration to His Father's will, paying no attention to any other thing. Am I perfecting this type of holiness in the fear of God? Is God getting His way with me, and are other people beginning to see God in my life more and more?"

This is wash day. Don't try to powder over or sugar-coat a hateful spirit—absterge it! Wash it away! If you keep it, it will kill you.

Every virtue gives a man a degree of facility in some kind: honesty gives a man a good report; justice, estimation; prudence, respect; courtesy and liberality, affection; temperance gives health; fortitude, a quiet of mind, not to be moved by any adversity.—Sir Francis Walsingham.



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WORSHIP—In the Church and in the Home

Memory verse: "O, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our maker." Psalm 95:6.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thessalonians 4:18.

Monday, July 21

Scripture, John 4:23

For the creature to pay homage to the Creator is fitting, but for the blood-redeemed saints to honor, adore, revere, worship and commune with their heavenly Father is indeed the highest possible privilege! God expects sincerity in our worship and reverence in our sanctuaries. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools: Be not RASH with thy MOUTH and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God . . . ; therefore let thy words be few." A joyful noise unto the Lord, clapping our hands for joy, rejoicing in the Lord, and praising with a loud voice are pleasing and acceptable when made unto the Lord—for His glory. But to be boisterous, loud and rude in worship just for the sake of a noise could be a "noisy" form and displeasing to God. We are to worship in spirit and in truth. God accepted the offerings and sacrifices of the Old Testament saints only when everything was done according to His pattern and plan. Could there be reasons when He doesn't accept our services and bless us? Upon entering our churches it might be well if we would first bow before God and prepare our hearts for worship. A few moments for consecration would make a big difference in our services. Could it be possible that too much is taken for granted and too much expected for the little that is put into our services? Worship is probably more serious and more sacred than many realize.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. We worship Thee because Thou hast redeemed us. We pray for all those who are yet in their sins.

Tuesday, July 22

Scripture, 2 Timothy 4:2

Too much emphasis cannot be put on the Word of God. The Bible is God's message to man, our only guidebook from Him, His pattern for our lives, His instructions by

which we gain eternal life. Since our life beyond the grave is all-important, we should love the Word and search its pages most diligently to be sure we know how to live to please God. In view of the fact that life is uncertain, death sure and our future lives endless, eternal, and everlasting, we understand why we are admonished to meditate upon His Word day and night, confess it, hide it in our hearts and live in it.

Jesus was the living Word, the Bible is the written Word and is just as real and meaningful as if Jesus stood in our midst again and spoke it. Many people grope in darkness, looking for a way of life, while all the time they have it in their own homes, dust-covered and unread.

How careful and prayerful the minister should be in giving out the Word of Life! How quiet and reverent the congregation while hearing it! It isn't any wonder that Jesus said, "You do err not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God."

O, our Father, we are living epistles, known and read of all men. I pray that the type will be clear and the letters unblurred.

Wednesday, July 23

Scriptures, Luke 18:1, Psalm 100:4

Through Calvary we have access right to the throne of God; we may come boldly and obtain mercy and grace for every need. Prayer is also communion, confession and worship. We have the right to ask and receive, the great privilege of making prayers, intercessions and supplications for all men. Prayer is the Christian's greatest weapon and one of the highest privileges ever given to man—the right to ask of God and receive His blessings and benefits. All great revivals and outstanding accomplishments in the Christian world have been brought about by intercessory prayer. In our day we could have much more from God if we would fast, pray, and meet the conditions of His Word. To cope with world conditions, we will have to make

new consecrations and pursue better methods in the future. It has been said that the spiritual world is fifty years behind the scientific world. We must move up!

Praise is one of the most beautiful phases of our worship. To hear a large group praise in concert is heavenly and is as the sound of many waters, reminding us of that memorable day when we will hear millions praising God around the throne eternal. Praise is not only comely in church worship but in daily living. Problems, worries, fears, and anxieties can be overcome by simply praising the Lord. God inhabits praise and where God is there is victory! Praise glorifies God, uplifts our spirits and is conducive to physical health—"A merry heart doeth good like medicine." A cheerful, hopeful, helpful attitude blesses others. Read Psalm 148.

Our Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of prayer. We ask Thee now to bless the millions who have never heard the name of our Jesus.

Thursday, July 24

Scripture, Ephesians 5:19

Singing is an enjoyable phase of our worship and should always be done to the glory of the Lord, and not for display of talent nor for entertainment. God ordained it for worship. He commanded David to appoint singers and musicians—they were sanctified and dedicated to this work as the priests were to their duties. "And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang and the trumpeters sounded . . . the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped." Should we try to evaluate the different phases of our worship we would readily realize that God in His great infinite wisdom could not have planned it better. Praying, praising, and singing are just as natural and essential to the well-being of our spiritual lives as eating, drinking and resting are to our physical bodies.

Dear Father, help us to always remember why we sing and to praise you for the privilege. So many times our hearts are lifted above the voice of the tempter by singing and making melody in our hearts.

Friday, July 25

Scripture, Leviticus 27:30; Matthew 23:23

Giving is the most misunderstood phase of our worship, but inexcusably so. God's plan for man is

made plain in His Word, including His financial system. We don't have to be in doubt about anything. All Scripture is given . . . for instruction in righteousness. Many love to shout and be blessed, but when it comes to their giving, it seems their hearts automatically close and their minds are filled with "mine—it is *my* money, I worked for it," etc. How wrong! We are not our own, but we are bought with a price. All that we have is a loan from God, and He asks so little in return. It has been said that we can't outgive God and that He will be indebted to no man. All we give will be returned to us in a greater measure. Could we ask for more? We know that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and that He loves a cheerful giver. He also said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Investing in God's kingdom will pay eternal dividends!

Oh, Spirit of the living God, move upon the hearts of your people to give, that Thy kingdom may be advanced and the return of Jesus hastened.

Saturday, July 26

Scripture, Deuteronomy 11:18, 19

What a privilege to worship God in our homes! The family altar is one of the most sacred shrines on earth. To pray for and with the members of the family is blessed; to bear and share each other's burdens is a sweet privilege. I like the saying, "The family that prays together, stays together." Is it any wonder that leaders like J. Edgar Hoover are asking American families to return to the family altar, saying that it is the answer to juvenile delinquency, divorce, crime, and many other sins so prevalent among our youth. Children brought up on the Word of God and prayer aren't so easily deceived by the glitter and glamour of this world.

Dear God, stir Thy people to a rededication of their lives and their families to holy living and to a passion for lost souls.

The average man can stand adversity better than prosperity.—Dwight L. Moody.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.—Martin Luther.



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By EARL T. GOLDEN, Old Fort, North Carolina

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

(Based on the Sayings of Jesus)

Memory verses: ". . . ye ought to . . . remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said. . . ." Acts 20:35.

Monday, July 28

Scripture, Acts 20:35

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is not enough to give of our possessions. Christ is more interested in what we are than what we have. He is sure that if He truly has us, He will possess ours. It is by giving that we receive and by being a blessing that we are blessed.

Pray for all summer camp meetings that are yet in progress.

Tuesday, July 29

Scripture, John 14:13

Jesus has invited our asking in prayer. He has not only invited us to pray but assures us that these requests are precious to Him. It is through these requests which He answers that the Father is glorified in the Son. Thus, sincere prayer not only helps us but pleases Jesus and glorifies the heavenly Father.

Pray for all summer youth camps that are yet in progress.

Wednesday, July 30

Scripture, John 15:8

Are you a fruit-bearer in your Lord's vineyard? That which determines your value as a fruit tree is not your abundance of leaves but the quantity and quality of your fruit. God takes great pride in His fruit trees and purges them that they may bring forth more fruit. The stages in fruit-bearing are fruit, more fruit and much fruit. In what stage of growth are you?

Pray for all summer state Bible schools that are yet in progress.

Thursday, July 31

Scripture, Matthew 10:30

Nothing can elude the inspection of the all-seeing eye of God. His knowledge of us is so minute that it leaves nothing to chance or accident. He numbers the hairs of your head, knows your name, and sees your steps before they are taken. He is the One who notes the sparrows fall, clothes the lilies of the field and determines the bounds of the stars and planets. Should He expect less than our implicit trust?

Pray for the protection of Christians on their summer vacations.

Friday, August 1

Scripture, John 16:33

"Cheer up"—words easier spoken than received, yet when Jesus speaks them we must discount all circumstances and eagerly grasp them. We cannot hope to escape tribulation. We should not hope to escape it. If we escaped tribulation we would never know the full intent of His message, "Cheer up, I have overcome the world."

Pray for the coming General Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee.

Saturday, August 2

Scripture, John 14:16

"When I depart, I will send Him unto you." The disciples would not only need Him but must have Him. The absence of Jesus must be filled by the presence of the Comforter. "Comfort," "Comforter," "comforted." No words are more precious today in these perilous times. Do you have His ever-abiding presence leading, guiding, comforting, inspiring and empowering? He shall abide with you forever.

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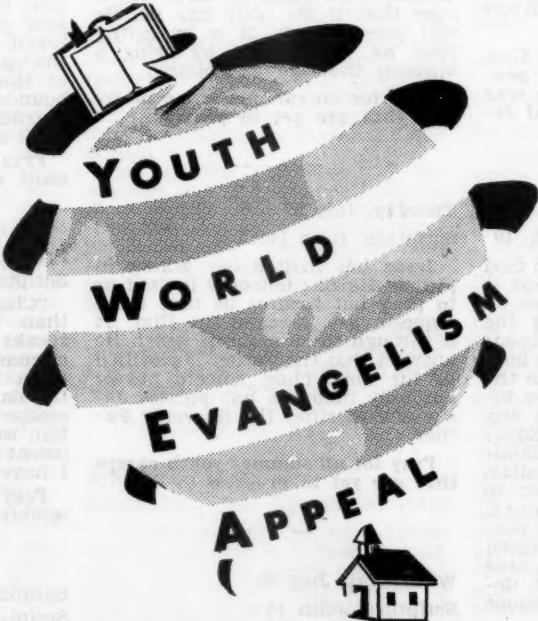
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